pollution, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has decided to construct 15 Common Effluent Treatment Plants in 21 industrial estates of Delhi which are under implementation. Water quality of Yamuna will improve after implementation of these measures.

Permission for shooting of films in sanctuaries

†937. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the permission for shooting of films in various sanctuaries particularly in the Hills of Nilgiri, is being given liberally;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such film shootings damage wildlife and flora and fauna of the said places; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Gvoernment to regulate these shootings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Permission to shoot films in National Parks and sanctuaries is granted keeping due regard to the interests of the conservation.

(b) No report of adverse impact of film shooting on wildlife including fauna and flora has been received.

(c) Does not arise.

Levels of vehicular pollution in Delhi

938. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water and vehicular pollution has come down in the Capital, as a result of sustained efforts made by Government during the last six months;

(b) if so, to what extent;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to ban registration of all commercial vehicles both of diesel and petrol, without CNG engines in the Capital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented to make the Capital free from air pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and. (b) According to the Central Pollution Control Board, the water pollution in terms of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and vehicular pollution levels have come down. The Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand levels at Nizamuddin and Agra Canal (Okhla) have come down from about 8.0 mg/litre to 5 mg/ litre and 12.0 mg/litre to 5 mg/litre respectively. Percentage reduction in vehicular pollution in terms of Carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, sulphur dioxide and lead has been observed to the extent of about 22%, 5%, 20% and 49% respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Tiger Population

939. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to stale:

(a) Whether Government have identified the factors posing threat to the tiger population in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of tigers, as per the latest survey, State-wise; and

(d) the necessary steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to protect and preserve this species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Degradation and fragmentation of tiger habitat due to